Hospital Presumptive Eligibility

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What is Presumptive Eligibility?

Presumptive Eligibility (PE) is a Health First Colorado (Colorado's Medicaid Program) and Child Health Plan Plus (CHP+) program that provides immediate temporary medical coverage for children under 19 and pregnant women. You must complete an application and appear eligible to get the temporary health care benefits.

Current

- Covers children under 19 years
- Pregnant people
- Breast and Cervical Cancer Program
- Family Planning Limited benefit

Future

- Covers children under 19 years
- Pregnant people
- Breast and Cervical Cancer Program
- Family Planning Limited benefit
- Parent/caretakers
- Adults
- Buy-In adults 65+

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- Starting in January 2026, hospitals will be able to assess individuals for the expanded presumptive categories
- Will need to have active CAAS status
- Apply to be a Presumptive Eligibility Site
- Agreements between HCPF and participating hospitals
- Training to be provided
- Ongoing support and oversight of PE Sites

Upcoming Milestones

May 2025: Survey hospitals gauging interest

June - August 2025: PE Procedures revised, Agreement drafted, FAQs updated

Sept - October 2025: Agreements distributed & signed

October - November 2025: PE training and system access established

December 2025: Review of PE Site Policies and Procedures

January 2026: Go-Live

Interested Hospitals can inquire here:

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Questions?

